

FRIDAY MORNING, 1st APRIL.

Welcome to the first edition of the Follycon newssheet - Tip of the Iceberg. TotI will materialise at strategic points about the Adelphi during mid-evening (Gestetner willing) for the duration of Follycon, bringing you any programme changes, news, notices and unsubstantiated gossip from around the Convention. Any contributions to TotI *must* arrive at the Repro Room (room 255) before 5:30 p.m. on the day they need to be included.

OUR GUESTS OF HONOUR

Having warned you not to waste valuable con time reading your Souvenir Book, we now have the problem of letting you know about our Guests of Honour before everyone's gone their separate ways. So here's some descriptions of them, extracted from the same Souvenir Book:

Gordon R Dickson

What you can't find out by indirect means is what good company he is. For that, you have to meet him in person. He's never been a guest at an Eastercon before. Seize the opportunity! It's long overdue.

Welcome to Britain, Gordie! Have a good con!

(John Brunner)

Gwyneth Jones

I was totally in awe of her, but too cool to let on; she was somewhere between bafflement and terror at the weirdness of the whole SF convention scene, but

also too cool to let on, so we joked and chatted as if we were totally relaxed, like old friends ... which very soon, it seemed, we were....

I find it hard to think of her as a newcomer, because I feel as if I've known Gwyneth for a lot longer than four years.... I don't know what's her favourite colour, or the name of her favourite beer --but you could ask her.

(Lisa Tuttle)

Len Wein

He was standing in a shadowy corner of the hotel bar, all hazel eyes and innocence.... His grin was a mile wide and he was holding a teddy bear with an air of calm threat....

I found out all the good stuff later... But you can find out about that too, if you ask him.

(Diane Duane, slightly edited)

Greg Pickersgill

Hello, I am your Fan Guest of Honour, and I will give it all I can. All questions answered honestly. My name is Greg Pickersgill.

Greg Pickersgill is really a marshmallow, the kind that's been roasted over a campfire for a good long time. On the outside he looks hard, crusty, the kind of thing you wouldn't want to have to handle, but on the inside he's really sweet and fairly gooey.

(Linda Pickersgill)

Of course, we don't mind that much if you read up the rest of what's said about all these people during the con. If anyone complains, tell them you're having fun....

LES BARKER

... is a very strange singer. His songs are hilarious, peculiar and funny by turns, and he often sets words to well-known tunes (e.g. The Nose of Alan Dale). He first came to my attention through a late-night DJ, and I realised that songs called "Holland's Meat Pies" and "Chicken Biryani Conga" were not the norm for Preston. He'll be playing the Tea Party and the Filk Concert. Definitely not to be missed.

Alison Scott.

CONVENTIONS

TotI welcomes any info' on forthcoming conventions from the committees involved. If the two announced bid committees for Eastercon 1990 would like to be publicised in TotI, they should submit their blurb in written form to the Repro Room before the 5:30 daily deadline (in order to stop any games of Chinese whispers developing between the committees and TotI).
... and just to prove that somebody has just read my mind:

NOLACON II

The 1988 World Science Fiction Convention.

Anyone already a member of NOLACON II, please see Linda Pickersgill. She has info' and the Hugo Nomination ballot available. Anyone wishing to join or find out more information about this year's Worldcon, please contact Linda, usually found in the Fan Room or Bar.

DRABLES

Would all those people who have stories in the Drabble book please pop along to the *Recon Publications* stand in the Dealers Room at some time this weekend, where they may find something to their advantage.

RESTAURANT PROBLEMS

Veggies restaurant (see Page 5 of the convention handbook) is NOT giving a 10% discount on production of the handbook, but *Platters Bistro* (see Page 4 of the handbook) IS.

ROLE PLAYERS NEEDED

Gammauraders or *Robotech* or *Battletech* (sic) will be played at noon on Friday morning in the Games Room (269). Six players are needed - a registration sheet is up on the door of 269.

COSTUME PHOTO CALL

At 6 p.m. the main lounge was crawling with press, and *Iceberg* reporters spying on the press.

More 'costumes' were still wanted. Cries were going out "Are the *Halo Jones* people down in the bar?"

Other press men were talking variously to John Brunner and the BECCON crowd, the latter being

closely questioned about creche arrangements!

Last seen the 5 fans were roped in by the press and headed towards central Liverpool for a photo call.

During the afternoon Alison Scott was charging around like the traditional blue arsed fly looking for costume fans for the newspapers, i.e. the Liverpool Star and Liverpool Post, to photograph. They had asked specifically for costumes, and for a 6:00 p.m. photo call.

This was of course far too early.

When asked, James Steel's costumes were still in transit and practically no one else could be found.

Eventually James was persuaded to hop around in a cloak like a fangless Dracula.

"What are you supposed to be?"

"Well, er...", and four others in rather less impromptu costumes were collected together.

CUSTOMERS NOTE: the Costume Workshop is in room 450 from 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Bridget Wilkinson

REPRO ROOM

If you are thinking of producing a fanzine or wondering how TotI is being produced (or even want to give us advice on how to do it more betterer), then come to the Repro Workshop in room 255 at 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

Rob Meades and Chris Suslowicz reveal all (!)

Tip of the Iceberg was brought to you today by:

Rob Meades, Chris Suslowicz, Nina Watson and Bridget Wilkinson with a lot of patience on the part of Mike Abbott.

Credit to the illos is due to Kev Dixon for the TotI title and Barbara Mascetti for the rat. More illos next issue.

HEIDI'S CAKE

Thanks to Heidi Bilboe (hope I got your name right). Heidi got far too large a birthday cake for her birthday and donated half of it to starving Ops team members and gophers. The cake was much appreciated.

FANZINES

Fanzines at the Con' so far:

Reading Matters: Issue 1 from Tibs (A Jomsborg Enter-erprise).

FILKING

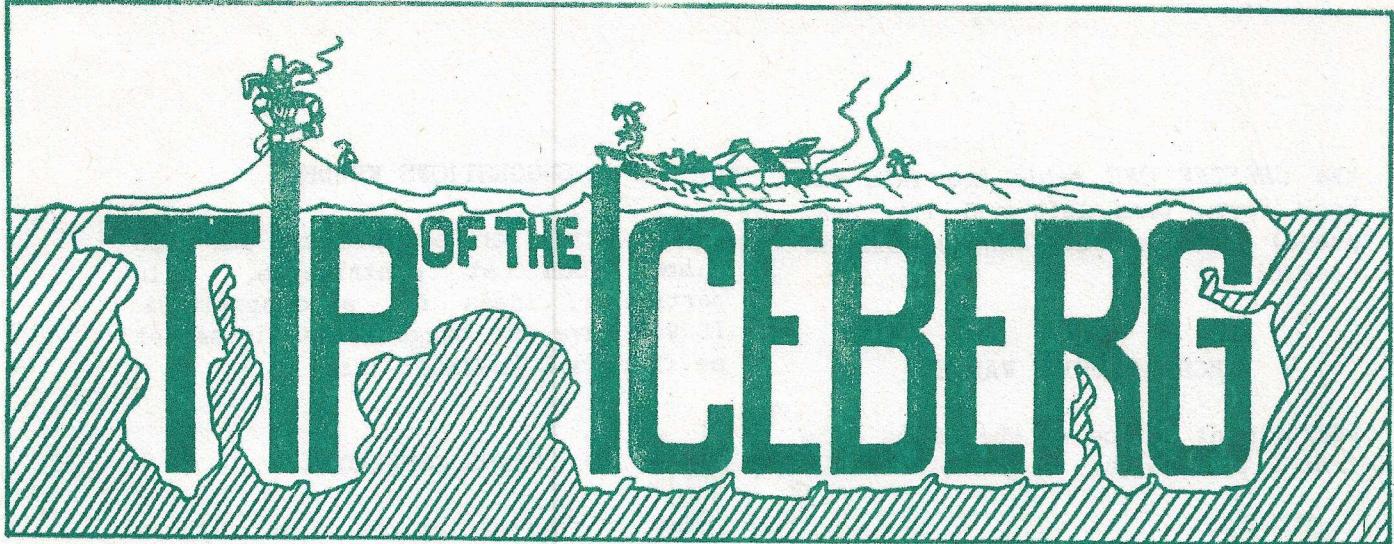
As it so often does, rumour suggests there may well be a Filking tonight ...

EVER GET THAT SINKING FEELING?

Some of you may be wondering - "Why Tip of the Iceberg?" In that case you will not have realised (as I didn't - Ed.) that the lounge is based upon the design for that of the lounge of the Titanic.

TotI hopes that Follycon is a little more lucky.





Friday Evening, 1st April

PROGRAMME CHANGE

The Tea Party and Awards Ceremony have been moved back half an hour to 6:00 p.m. so as to allow people to attend other programmes with ease.

SHAW TAYLOR'S SPOT

Please please please look after your belongings. Keep your rooms locked and an eye open. There have been incidents of outsiders taking advantage of the festivities. If you see someone acting suspiciously, do tell the hotel staff.

COSTUMING WORKSHOP

Those keen,
those who have never dared!
and those with children.
Costuming can be fun, cheap & easy.

DEALERS STANDS

Please note that there are two dealers stands in the *ART SHOW*, next door to the dealers room.

CHANGELING - Embroidered belts, bags, dragons.....

CHRIS NEAL - Science fiction/fact, art prints.

Don't miss them!

CUSTOM BADGES

Custom badges made up on the spot (at registration). Please wait for a quiet moment as they are often busy with registration.

IMPORTANT

NO FOOD TO BE TAKEN INTO THE MAIN LOUNGE (where registration is).

Also, there is an attended cloakroom by the gents near the Film Room (*No camping equipment please!*).

DISABLED FAN REQUIRES ROOM SWAP

Disabled fan currently booked into St. Georges Hotel for Saturday and Sunday in a twin room would greatly appreciate it if some generous person would swap.

Please contact Ron Bennett in the dealers room (by the fire exit).

CHAPTER ONE SIGNINGS

BRYAN TALBOT
RAMSEY CAMPBELL
IAIN BANKS

A number of signings of the above people's work are taking place around

the *CHAPTER ONE* table (go into the book room, turn left and it's dead ahead) on Saturday/Sunday/whenever possible.

MECH WARRIORS WANTED

Recruitment Office at the games room from 9 p.m. today.

PLAY ASSASSIN

A RING OF DEATH

Your target - a name, a face

The twist - there's someone out for you.

Meeting - 4:30 p.m. Saturday, workshop I

The hunt - 3:30 p.m. Sunday, workshop I

There can only be one...

TEN GRAND

Sorry if we annoy you with YUPPIE HARDSELL TECHNIQUES, but it seems the only way to make you all BUY IT. It's NEW, it's GROOVEY (Honest). Support The New....SUPPORT TEN GRAND.

RESTAURANTS

Convention goers have attended the following restaurants from the handbook list, and given good reports:

San San Chinese Restaurant
£2.95 set lunch, £2.50 upwards per dish in the evening.

Athena Kebabs
Kebabs £1.50 to £2.00, also burgers, etc., good value and fairly cheap.

Far East
Go with a party of six for a meal at £10.50 per head, or Dim Sum from 12:00 a.m. (sic) to 6 p.m. Excellent.

SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

I'm looking for suggestions for the games room at Contrivance. In particular, ideas for a competition. If you have any suggestions please let me (Marcus L Rowland) know.

PRESS COVERAGE

Today, representatives of three different newspapers turned up to take in the sights and sounds of Follycon.

Those for *The Spectator* and the *Daily Telegraph* showed a healthy interest; the latter will be around interviewing and photographing later during the weekend.

However, the *Liverpool Echo* photographer was most disappointed by the sight of normal-looking people sitting around drinking and talking. When shown the dealers' room, (s)he commented: "You seem to be mostly selling books" "Well... yes!". This person finally admitted they were 'looking for the lunatic fringe' and left unsatisfied. The official Follycon reaction?

"THE PRESS ARE DISGUSTING!"

The Follycon article in the *Liverpool Post* is on display on the bulletin board in the main lounge.



DARK WOOD SWORDS

Among the wall-to-wall books and film stills of the Dealers Room, you may have noticed the anachronistic figure of a Viking. He sits at a mini anvil, hammering out jewellery. If you have the urge to own an identity bracelet with your name in runes, flanked by dragons, this man can do it for you.

His main business, however, is that of swordsmith. He has examples of various styles and periods of weaponry in a rack next to him. There are plain weapons and finely engraved long and short swords, plain hilts and intricate metal filigree guards.

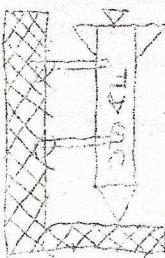
The perfect sword is flexible with a hard edge. A sword for reenactment battles is actually trickier to make than an edged blade, as the metal cools differently. Every sword when finished is subjected to the Siegfried test - whack it on the anvil and see if it breaks!

Dark Wood Swords, Lee & Anthony Gilbert, are based in the backwoods of the Colne Valley, up half a mile of un-navigable road.

Nina Watson



AMERICAN JOKE



Hey Guys!
I think we've got
the country
upside down!

HALO JONES AT FOLLYCON

Several cast members of the *In The Red Theatre Company's* production of THE BALLAD OF HALO JONES are around the con - probably behind the *Chapter One* table in the book room (go in, turn left, it's dead ahead). They are willing to sign copies of The Comic and pose for photos (but do ask nicely). Their costumes are distinctive - How many Robodog costumes at this con?! Very nice people too.

Alan Sullivan

FANZINE LISTING

The following 'zines have been spotted around the Convention:

Screwed up Letters III - from Alan Sullivan.

Psycho Ape 5 - by PSIFA.

The Maltese Eagle at The Eagle of The North.

Remember Lindisfarne 2 - Heidi Lyshol.

DO YOU NEED EXTRA CASH?!

Baby sitters are needed for Saturday and Sunday evening. You will be paid at the Hotel rate which is £2.50 per hour. If you are interested please contact Gwyneth Jones via the Reception Desk.

U.S.S.G

Notice of Gopher gathering, 10:00ish (p.m.) in room 274, Saturday night. Also Norwegian room party

Plus possible TOON games (???? ED.) etc.

APOLOGY

TotI would like to apologise for the transient nature of the anti-universe rat illustration in this morning's issue. We promise to be more consistent in future. Honest.

PERSONAL:

Alarms and Excursions Hackers

A & E's fancy meeting at the Games Room, 7.00 pm?

(Otherwise if you want to chat I'm in Rm. 420 - Sid Ramage)

Six of One

Six of One welcomes all fans of *Number Six* attending Follycon. Do come and see us on our stand (left - just outside Dealers Room). BCMU.

Assassin (again)

You may have seen posters around the place about this game, and I'll try to explain more about what it involves.

Each player is issued with the name and description of a target, their task is to eliminate said target before they themselves are eliminated by the person who has their name as a target. The essence of the game is that while you are hunting someone you are being hunted by someone, but you don't know who.

The point of the game is style, a 'kill' should be enacted with

The Tip of the Iceberg team today: Zoe Detterding, Alice Kohler, Rob Meades, Simon Meadowcroft, Alan Sullivan, Chris Suslowicz, Trader Horn, Nina Watson and Wolfsabre. MANY MANY THANKS to Chris O'Shea II for his illos (rescuing us from a damaged electrostencil machine).

subtlety. Kills are achieved by attaching a 'kill' sticker to your target, if he/she spots you doing this you automatically fail, and are eliminated from the game. This means that the emphasis is sneaking up while appearing to be one of the crowd, remembering that your target has no idea of who is hunting him/her.

If the above sounds like fun come along to a meeting at 15:30 on Saturday in workshop I, the game will start at 16:00 on Sunday, but players are requested to turn up at 12:00 in the games room for registration. The game will run until 17:00, but there is no reason to miss program items, just watch your back! Lastly remember;

There can be only one...!

STOP PRESS

The special items for the Book Auction will be on display in front of the Main Con Hall for 1 hour before the Auction starts.

These items will be auctioned from 1.00 pm.

MEDIEVAL EVENT

There will be an event hosted by the FAR ISLES MEDIEVAL SOCIETY between the hours of 5.00 and 6.00 on Saturday in the Main Lounge.

Meet members of the Society and discover the range of research and activities they are involved in.

Presided over by : *HER GRACE THE PRINCESS HELCISA.*

GAMES ROOM

PLAYERS WANTED !!!

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR NAME OUTSIDE THE GAMES ROOM.

MANY THANKS

PLEASE CHECK DETAILS ON THE NOTICE BOARD. *BETWEEN THE STAIRS LEADING TO THE HYPER STYL*

Tip of the ICEBERG

Saturday, 2nd April

IAN WATSON

Ian Watson has three new novels out in the near future (unspecified). Here is a very short review.

FIRE WORM

A novel about 'Alchemy, Buggery and the Creature'. This novel is set in Tyneside where apparently alchemistic practice is rife. Intended to be his second horror story - turned down by a certain horror magazine because the story was too good for it.

WHORES OF BABYLON

A project to rebuild Babylon in the Arizona desert. Why? Well, why not? asks Ian, saying there are good reasons other than it being a desert. To find out if it'll resemble the original, read the book!

MEAT

You'll have to wait to hear about this, but I guess it'll be something to get your teeth into.

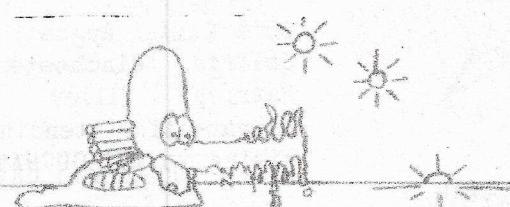
Simon

IMMINENT WORLD SHORTAGE II (?) - Ed.]

Blimey, what a bunch of guzzlers! The fourteen barrels of real ale meant to last the whole weekend were quaffed by lunchtime today. When we told the hotel we wanted a real ale bar they said "Okay, we'll get a couple of barrels." They apparently *didn't* believe our record from Worldcon. Fortunately, the Lone Ranger (who gads about town in a Transit van these days) has begged another six. So, get 'em in early lads!

HOTEL FOOD

There are special arrangements for tomorrow (Easter Sunday) at Jenny's restaurant in the hotel basement. They're offering a three course lunch with a basket of chocolate eggs and flowers to take away, all for just £6. The usual table d'hote menu there is £7.50 for three courses. Recommended by our American GoH and a committee member is Crompton's gourmet dinner for £13.50. But cheapskates needn't despair - remember the Sefton Suite just off the main lounge and sandwiches in the bar.



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HUGE CHARITY RAFFLE
(in aid of RNIB and RNLI)

Prizes include:

Gordon Dickson Hardbacks
Storm Constantine Hardbacks
Folly Dragon
Blow-up Dragon [MIME! - Ed.]
Len Wein original script
Plus lots of books and lots of
other things.

Tickets 10p each from Gytha

WIZARD OF SPEED AND TIME

The Wizard of Speed and Time will not be shown again until there is £25 in the pot for charity! If you want it backwards as well, it will need £50! Donations to Tim Broadribb who is organising the pot.

SICK OF SERIOUS ROLE-PLAYING?

Do you want to let your sense of humour run wild? Then come and try Toon - Cartoon Roleplaying.

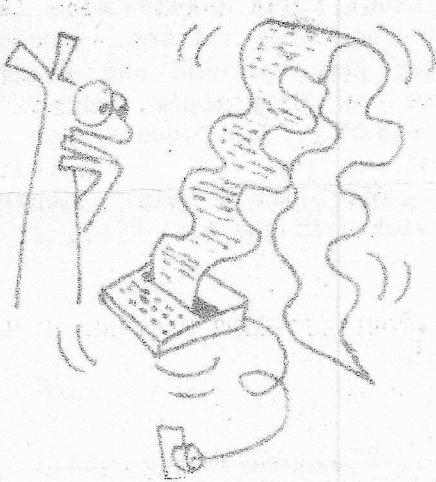
Where: Games Room

When: Sunday, 8pm

The game will be limited to six players but will probably run less than an hour. If enough people are interested in playing, a second game will be run for those unable to get in the 1st game.

So come and play or come and watch. Either way, you'll enjoy yourself.

See Mark A. Crouch for more details.



Tip of the Iceberg

MASQUERADE REHEARSAL

Anne Page: "Enter Bridget Wilkinson as a blonde beggar - sorry that should read blind beggar." [Brunette surely - Ed.]

James Steel: "Would I do anything that didn't work?" (Immediately trips and falls spectacularly. In his defence, he was wearing huge bed springs on his feet.)

CO-OPERATIVE GAMES!

If you like co-operative games - or if you'd like to find out what they are - there will be a session in Workshop 1 at 5pm on Sunday.

Warning! These have nothing to do with roleplaying games of any sort. Wear comfy clothes (jeans will probably be more comfortable than a skirt) Further info from Helen Wake - catch me if you can!

Proposed games - Falling Leaf
- Proody
- Yurt Circle.

SEXY GIRL WITHOUT PIN STRIPED JEANS

We have tracked down Jane Smithers, the woman guarding the dealer's room overnight. She spent a lonely night's vigil and was disappointed that she didn't have to manfully slay any barbarous intruders. In fact she slept peacefully from 1:30 to 8:30, a convention first for our intrepid Jane.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO TRY IT...

The Hotel Grill is good stuff and excellent value at £1.75 for a main course, 75p for sweet and other bits at 15p, 40p. Recommended

WINCON (UNICON 9)

19th-21st August at King Alfred's College, Winchester. Guests so far: Patrick Tilley and Michael de Larrabeiti. Attending membership: £8.00 rising to £10.00 after Follycon. Room

rate: £10.00 including VAT, bed & breakfast. Join at the desk outside the main hall or write to 11 Rutland St, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs ST1 5JG.

WINCON - THE UNICON

Queen's University, Belfast is bidding for the 1989 Unicon (we have the Wincon all we need is U!) Pre-supp membership £1 from Tommy Ferguson at the con or c/o Student Union, QUB, Belfast.

ROUND ROBIN LETTERS

Round robins are the cheap and casual way of running a multi-person communication by post. For more information contact Joy Hibbert at the con or write to her at the Wincon address enclosing an S.A.E. (Joy, the technical term is Kulaletter - Ed.)

CLAUSE 28 AND SF

Have you considered the effect of Clause 28 of the Local Government Act (the homophobes clause) may have on your science fiction in your library? Spinrad, Wm Burroughs, Russ, Bradley, Ryman, McCaffrey, Varley are only some of the authors whose books that may disappear when this becomes law. If you haven't considered this and it bothers you find Joy Hibbert at the con or write to her at the Wincon address.

GOPHERS WANTED

We still need helpers. No experience needed - if you're between three and eight feet tall and can say "Use me, abuse me, bend me to your will!" in English, then you're in. If you can spare time on Saturday evening or Sunday, pop in to the Ops Room just up from the main lounge. We don't bite - don't be fooled by Bazooka's barking noises.

GAMES BOOK

CAPTAIN'S LOG

Space, the final frontier - from the team that brought you 'Snow Wars'

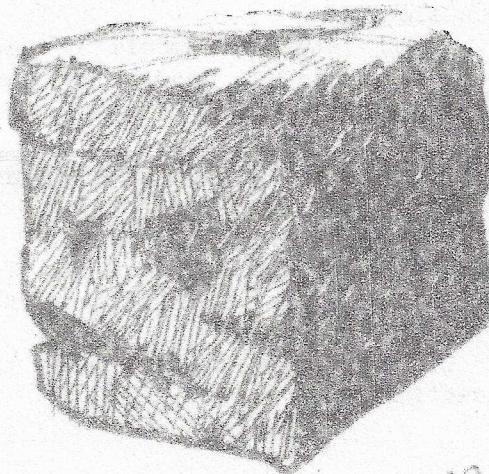
Now you can explore that frontier with the new audience participation game from the Openshaw Modelling and Gaming Association. See Captain's Log at Polycon...

10.00 p.m. Saturday. 'The Oikien Trilogy' Systemless RPG run by Mike Ibeji. (in 4 parts plus sequel).

10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. Sunday. Warhammer 3 people only.

Various times Sunday. Captains Log (like Star Fleet Battles) 9 people only, probably in real ale bar.

2.30 p.m. Sunday. Kingmaker 6 people only.



CRUMBED PANCAKE - UK

CONVENTION NEWS

CONINE - A science fiction convention - to be held at Oxford Poly 5-7 August 1988. Guest of Honour Terry Pratchett; Special Guest David Lally (Six to One). Cheap and wonderful (£4 supp. £9 att.) - see us on the desk any time of the day, or night (if you are lucky). Currently seeking to organise car-sharing to Oxford - let us know.

CONTRIVANCE RAFFLE

In Aid of the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust (which is run by Gerald Durrel).

Tickets 20p each, 5 for £1.00, from the desk.

Eleven prizes including; 2 autographed hardback Gerald Durrel books, a bottle of 10 year old single malt whiskey, chocolates, extinct & endangered species poster, and cuddly Jersey Cow and vegetables(!)

The draw will take place at 10.00 pm on Sunday in the Contrivance non-bid party in the fanroom.

EGOM CIERNY

Matechova 17, 190 000, Praha, Czechoslovakia

Czech fans are sorely in need of SF contacts and Fanzines. Because of Currency restrictions they cannot buy foreign books, though they read English, German and French. Please help them.

A truly fannish charity. A collection (books and money for postage) will be held. Please put

.... Or send them things after the Convention.

WHAT DOES U.F.S.T.S STAND FOR?

Anybody interested in getting to know a German Star Trek fan club is welcome to have a look at our latest newsletters - at the Prisoner Society Information Stall.

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EASTERCON 1990 BIDDING

Contravention

Do you want a convention that's fresh, inventive and enjoyable?

Do you want a hotel that's friendly, and just the right size and shape for an EASTERCON?

Do you want a committee that's worked on 25 conventions since 1980, so we bring imagination and experience to getting it right?

Do you want a convention designed to appeal to everyone, whatever your interest or involvement in science fiction and fandom?

Do you want a convention that's fun?

Then you want Contravention, at the Albany Hotel, Nottingham. And may the best bid win!

Eastcon 90

We plan to run 'EastCon 90' in Birmingham.

Our main hotel is the 'Cobden' with over 600 beds - and more to follow. The overflow, the 'Norfolk' is nearby with a further 300 beds.

The entire programme, apart from the late night video show, will run in the 'Clarendon' suite - across from the Cobden hotel.

The Clarendon Suite offers worldclass standard facilities equal to anything we've seen. The main hall holds 300 plus and there is a smaller hall with a capacity of 400. In addition there are numerous smaller suites each able to accommodate approx 30-200 into which we envisage locating the Fan Room, Dealers Rooms, Art Show and minority programme items.

There is also a 200 seat purpose-built cinema (16 mm/35 mm).

We have the potential for 48 (Ed. !!!) bars, no that's not a misprint. Naturally our main bars will have real ale and live cider plus soft drinks, after all we only want the

best....

Our programme? See tomorrow, it's as well-matured as our beer!

Of course, there is rumour of a third bid ...

DEFCON 1

Location: To Be Denunced (probably Brigadoon for 4 days only)

Chairperson: Chip N. Dale. It's claimed that (s)he's got Queen Anne legs, but (s)he denies this! If he actually shows up to the convention we have volunteers to plug in the chair

Treasurer: WR Million. Known to his friends as Merlin since he's disappeared with the money!

Hotel Liaison: Xavier Torquemada. A firm but reasonable negotiator.

Assisted by Lucretia Borgia and with liaison advice from Cynthia Payne.

Technical Crew: Rob O'Tech.

Con Artist: Arthur Daley

Fan Room: X. Pelair

Security: Ima Redd-Shirt. (R.I.P.)

Film: Zell U. Lloyd. A person of unique vision and unbelievable focus. Hobbies include application of Non-Euclidian mathematics to the sequence of film reels.

Repro Room: Ron E. O'Gestethner.

Program: Ada C. Cobol & Pascal A.P.L. Fortran.

Registration: Mark Won, but his friends call him 'Registration Mark'.

Defcon Guest of Honour: Dave Langford.

Dust of Honour: L. Ron Hubbard

Comic Guest: Desperate Dan

Publicity: Ian Botham

Art Room: Prince Xerox of Pfotostadt

Film: Dino de Ferrari

Supporting Membership: Atlas

Steering Committee: Attila the Fan

Hotel Rates: Single £19, Double £17, Single with swimming pool, 12 hours, garden of delights, Valhalla, sunbed, sauna, laser disc player and airport with brass band and red carpet £23.

WEAPONS POLICY: After last year's problems with what was Birmingham, the following weapons must be peace-bonded with a piece of thin, flimsy silk tied in a granny knot around the trigger: Howitzers over 50 mm, hand grenades, flame throwers and water pistols. Nuclear warheads must be tested by Gytha in her usual manner. You will be tied to the front of it and dropped from an airplane. If you can walk away afterwards, you can carry it around the convention, but please be sure it is peace bonded anyway. Soft Toy rates will be replaced by a Troll Tax (or Community charge).

PLANETARIUM

Fans who visited the planetarium may be interested to know that most of the non-photographic slides shown were (although not credited!) by Dave Hardy, whose work can also of course be seen in the Art Show.

Don't forget the Art Auction with Rog Peyton (who else) on Sunday.

ENJOYING THE CON?

The cast of members from the In The Red Theatre Co are....Quote "I can't get over how many amazing people there are here" (Eric Jarvis) See you are appreciated. We appreciate them too.

A LITTLE SPELL FROM SIX OF ONE

No, they're not poor spellers. It is "Well Come" not "Welcome". (Watch "Fall Out" and you'll be shown the door!) BCNU

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COSTUMES

Tomorrow morning (Sunday a.m.) there will be a demonstration of prize winning costumes from Follycon and Conspiracy, and how to construct them, in the costume workshop (Room 450) 10 - 11 a.m. This has to finish at 11 a.m. as the workshop gets evicted on Sunday.

WHO WERE THOSE MASKED FEN?

Last night (Friday) saw a Mutant Happening in certain darkened corridors. All this reporter knows is that there are six of these KNEW MUTANT faneds dedicated to producing zines and wearing masks. Tomorrow belongs to the Mutants!

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SIGNING SESSIONS

Ramsey Campbell and Brian Talbot are doing a signing at Chapter One, 4 p.m. on Sunday.

There are more signings tomorrow - please consult your programme handbook.

FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

St John's Coffee House, in St John's Shopping Centre: open from 7 a.m. Meals up to £1.80; takeaway 85 - 95p. Quite cheap, pretty good value.

Jean's Cafe, in St John's Shopping Centre: tea and 2 toast 40p until noon. Very cheap and cheerful.

Alan Sullivan

STOP PRESS

Signings

SUNDAY

2.00 pm NEL: Freda Warrington
3.30 pm FUTURA: Mike Scott Rohan, Storm Constantine, Iain Banks.
6.10 pm UNWIN: Gwyneth Jones, Colin Greenland
6.30 pm COMICS: Len Wein, Fox, (possibly Bryan Talbot)
7.00 pm Gordon Dickson, Harry Harrison, (possibly Lisa Tuttle)

MONDAY

12 Noon Robert Westall
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Worst Misfire: Dragon - Marcus Streets & J.
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Overall Winner: Dragon - Marcus Streets & J.
The tech. crew wishes to apologise to the Queen of the Trolls for mis-cueing her tape.
Total CREDITS NEXT ISSUE

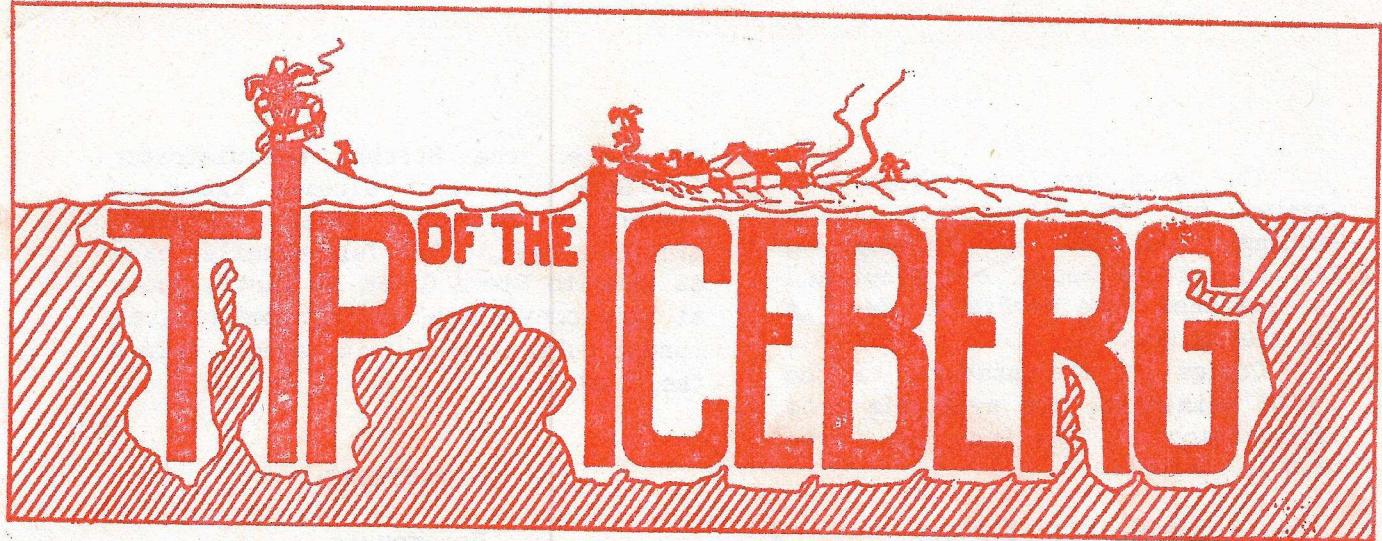
FOLLYCON '88

MCDONALDS DRINKS VOUCHER

Redeemable at McDonald's Liverpool (corner of Ranelagh Street) for one drink (regular size) when buying a meal (at least a quarter-pounder and fries).

Please also show your Convention handbook

Tip of the Iceberg



Sunday, 3rd April

EASTCON WINS BID!

BIG APOLOGY

TotI would like to apologise to New Magic/Old Magic for the misprint on the back page of the last issue of TotI. The costumes were definitely not 'horrible', it was in fact 'honourable'. Sorry.

THE AUCTION FOR "WIZARD OF SPEED AND TIME"

Diane Duane put up £25 for the forward showing. The audience then put in £32.88 for the backward showing, later made up to £40 giving a total of £65 for books for the blind.

IMPORTANT PLUG

The dark liquid you probably got pissed on last night is called Porter. With a specific gravity of 1050 its only drawback is its excellence.

Credit for its presence at the Convention is due to Andrew Critchley and Richard the Rampant. Richard, with a member of the hotel staff, hauled the beer up here in *The Beast*, a 'non-conformist' transit

van. If you, like TotI appreciate this beer and if you are interested in its origins or its future, the address to write to is:

The Oak Brewery, 59 Merseyton Road, Ellesmere Port, South Wirral, Cheshire.

Among other beers, Oak Brewery also have a bitter called 'Double Dagger', also 1050 SG.

Simon

QUIZ RESULTS

8s Quiz

Follycon was extremely pleased with the standard of all postal entries to the 8s Quiz. The winners are as follows:

Postal winner:
Chris Bell

Final results:
John Dallman first with 46 points,
Tim Illingworth second with 40 points,
Rhodri James third with 32 points,
Steve Bull fourth with 20 points.

The best set of Nines was created by Tim Illingworth. The winning question? - "Connect a Chinese fortune cookie, a coconut and an abandoned time machine." See Tim for the answer.

Copies of the answers to the postal eliminator are available from Registration at 10p per copy (free to quiz entrants).

Trouble With Triples

After aquiring an early lead of about 100 points Marcus L. Rowland and Tom Gallaway won with a final total of about 65 points.

Crossed Lines

Crossed Lines was won by *Contrivance*, consisting of Roger Robinson, Tim Illingworth and Peter Wareham, who beat the *Reprobates*, who wish to remain nameless.

FINAL FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

Crompton's French Restaurant - (downstairs, through Jenny's bar) is very highly recommended.

Anon

Jenny's - bits of Totl recommend Jennys Restaurant. Good value, good food.

REAL ALE BAR HEROICS

Many thanks to the barman behind the real ale bar during the Fancy Dress. This man bought me a drink because I was in costume and all my money was in my room! What a wonderful person, this man will go far!

Toerag

CRITICAL WAVE

Despite what you may have read in your souvenir booklet, Jim Barker is

no longer the British Administrator for SEFF - a fact already known to readers of Britain's newest newszine, CRITICAL WAVE. For full details, hand £2 over to Steve Green or Martin Tudor at this convention, thereby securing an annual subscription (six issues) before the rates rise.

CONVENTIONS:

Congregate

April in Paris! June in Peterborough! Humour all the way. CONGREGATE there, 10th to 12th June '88 with Terry Pratchett and Bob Shaw. See the table to join!

Portmeirion

2nd to 5th September '88 (TV: The Prisoner). Portmeirion ("The Village") NW Wales. Outdoor events free to all (small hotel toll to non-residents). Indoor events open only to "Six of One" members. Details: Six of One (The Prisoner Appreciation Society), P.O. Box 66, Ipswich. (Annual sub. incl. free con: £10 p.a. (UK), \$35 (USA). BCNU.



Uficia

Fanderson's first one-day U.F.O.
convention

June 18th, 1983, at the Conway Hall,
Red Lion Square, London

An official FANDERSON event being run by committee which includes former Chairman and U.F.O. fan Helen McCarthy, Treasurers Lorraine Malby and Babe Heywood, who brought you THUNDERBIRDS 21st birthday party, and a talented and enthusiastic team. Fanderson members pay only £6!! Registration for non-members is £9. All the usual goodies - episodes, guests, panels, raffles, and so on.... and more! A progress report in April will update you on further plans. Confirmed guests:- Ed Bishop, George Sewell, Vlader Sheybal, Wanda Ventham, Dolores Mantez, Gerry Anderson.

Call at the FANDERSON table in the dealers room for more details.

Wincon latest

Wincon now has an additional Guest of Honour - Geoff Ryman. As well as the usual GoH speech etc., Geoff will be running a writers workshop.

Decaid - Shoestring Con 10

PSIFA (Hatfield Polytechnic SF Group) are now ten years old and so our tenth con. is going to be something special. Most important, it's going to be a CHARITY con. However, despite our aim of getting as much cash as possible, it'll only be around £6 for attending membership and supporting membership is only £1 from Jez Hildred (the guy in the blue ABC warriors jacket). The con will occur between 21st and 23rd October 1983. P.S. There will be a special auction of signed items. Contact: Decaid, PSIFA C/O Students' Union, Hatfield Polytechnic, Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

A FOLLYCON FIRST

TotI is proud to be the first to announce the birth of - BABYCON! - The world's first UNI-BEAR son of SCARFACE The Bear (The Proud Father) and FOLLY The Unicorn (The Loving Mother). BABYCON! weighed in at 2½ oz. and standing 4 inches tall, mother and child are "doing fine" after a short 14 hour gestation and a trouble free birth. Marriage is said to be "Not On The Cards".

Anon

8 THINGS THAT WENT WRONG WITH THE DRAGON

- 1) A friend of the dragon got evicted a month ago which held things up.
- 2) Marcus got locked out of his room. Half a leg was inside.
- 3) Jane's wings (the sturdiest part of the structure) didn't have pockets at the tips, which meant that once her hands were in it was too much hassle to get them out again.
- 4) Marcus exposed himself to the entire real ale bar when vital sellotape snapped.
- 5) The dragon did its first parade without the tip of its tail.
- 6) A tireless gopher name of Bazooka did a desperate dive for a last minute repair as the beast walked through the door, to the surprise of the audience.
- 7) The whole costume collapsed the moment the second parade was over.
- 8) Jane's glasses fell apart and the lens landed on the floor next to an abandoned swivelling eyeball.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS

Best Design - Tam Campbell as Batgirl
 Best Idea - Matty Campbell as the Left Hand of Darkness
 Best Recreation -Fenny Newton as Wily Kit from *Thundercats*
 Best Tail - David Newton as King Easter Bunny
 Best Ears - Peter Marshall as Peter Rabbit

VEGETARIAN MEALS

I can't believe it! - the vegetarian main courses look more appetising than the other dishes. I mean no disrespect to the other food which is also very good. As a non-vegetarian myself, most of the meals I have had at the hotel have been vegetarian. This must be a first! In general the catering service at the hotel has been very good. Well done, Alelphi!

Simon

PUZZLE

Follycon's Treasurer (Dave Brown) has locked the Con's fund in their safe which has a strange new lock. Instead of turning dials, it has a 16 push-button sequence to push - to open. The last button to push is marked. The second last button marked "2S" is on the top row, third from the left: because the button to follow that one is two to the south of it. Got the idea?

Right: which button is the first to push? (Answer in the Awards Supplement of TotD). Time yourself. Less than 30 seconds: turn to page 41 of Follycon (white) handbook immediately. 30-60 seconds: ditto sometime. 1-1½ minutes: ditto if you like. More than 1½ minutes - don't bother (await answer). (Puzzle format is copyright).

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2e	1s	2s	2w
1n	1e	2s	3w
1e	1s	Last	2n
1n	2e	2w	2n

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EASTERCON 1990 - EASTCON

Winners of the bid for Eastercon 1990 are EASTCON in Birmingham. Details are as follows:

SITE: Clarendon Suite Convention Centre, Birmingham

GOH'S: Iain Banks - writer,
 James Burke, Duncan Campbell,
 Geoff Parry, (to be confirmed),
 Anne page - Fan GoH,
 SMS - art GoH (also official Con artist).

MEMBERSHIP: £12-00 at FOLLYCON going up to £15-00 after FOLLYCON and until NOVACON.

After NOVACON '88 prices will rise according to inflation.

CHILDREN'S MEMBERSHIP: Under 11's-FREE
 Over 11's-FULL PRICE (At Committees Discretion)

HOTEL RATES: Single Room £24-00
 Double/Twin £21-00
 per person
 Premier (3-4 Beds) £26
 per person

There are also extra discounts for 4 nights booking:

AN APOLOGY

The Queen of the Trolls wishes to apologise for her very trollish language used on a poor innocent gopher.

MUTANTS ABOUND

Once again, those masked fiends (the KNEW MUTANTS) were spotted last night. When one was approached by this reporter [but who?? - Ed.] to explain the reason for wearing their masks, the unknown replied "Get M.A.D. Mutate, Activate, Deviate." With that the sextet disappeared.

BSFA AGM

Members may like to know that the BSFA is now on a proper legal footing. All the accounts have been sorted out. The May BSFA meeting is to be held in the Royal Connaught Hotel, High Holborn, on the third Friday of the month (the 20th). There will be a speaker (as yet unspecified). All members and non-members are very welcome.

THE GAY AMATRUR PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

If you are a member of the fast growing number of gay/bisexual people in fandom join The Gay APA: drop a line to - Martin Stewart (Shaftesbury Room 102), 51 Cambridge Road, St. Albans, Herts.

WIRING CRAZY

TotI was held up this morning when half of the 16 amp power points in the Repro Room failed. Further examination by Chris Suslowicz proved that one of the light switches was responsible for the power to these points. Adelphi Hotel please note.

DEATH IN THE AFTERNOON

Congratulations to Linda Redman, winner of today's 'Assassin'. The ring of death was pronounced a great success (funny, I thought it was pronounced 'ring - of - death') especially for Linda who hadn't played before. If all this makes you cry 'I wish I'd been there too - there's plenty of types I'd like to slap a sticker on!' then don't despair. It's happening all again tomorrow. Meet at 11 a.m. in the games room.

STARWATCH

Imagine a British TV series with not only high-tech but a large dose of mysticism. Add a splash of legend, some excellent hardware and state-of-the-art special effects, and you've got *Starwatch*.

Plans are afoot to produce the promo, but there is still room for more writers and artists to contribute. To hear more about the project (which includes people like Jon Pertwee and Martin Bowers) contact Chris Leach of Lion House Studios, either at the Con or at the address in the souvenir book.

Nina Watson

CONTACT ADDRESS:

Douglas McCallum - 77 Barville
Close, Brockley, LONDON, SE4 2LN

also, for enquiries:

Lisanne Norman - 4 Rachel
Close, Norwich, NR5 8JF.

LOOK OUT FOR THE SPECIAL

AWARDS

EDITION

Tip of the Iceberg (today and yesterday) was compiled by (in no particular order):

Helen Wake, David Wake, Rachel Wake, Alice Kohler, Alan Sullivan, Simon Meadowcroft, Rob Meades, Wolfesabre, Chris Suslowicz, John Harvey, Alan Hyde, Joy Hibbert, Nina, Toerag, Zoe Deterding, Patrick Lawford and many others far too numerous to mention.

Special thanks to Deb for supplying the printer with porter.

Chris - thanks for your patience.

Rob

Rob - WHAT PATIENCE?

Chris

Tip of the Iceberg

Tip of The Iceberg Awards Supplement

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Most Honourable (with apologies for yesterday!): Old Magic and New Magic: Helen
Marshall, Gary Strattmann, Ashley Watkins, Hugh Mascetti.
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Convention and Other Awards

Surprise Award: Convention Chair - Roger Robinson
Guest Awards: Gordon R. Dickson
Len Wein [Plaques by Sue Mason]
Gwynneth Jones
Greg Pickersgill (the one with all the hair)

Ken McIntyre Award: SMS - FollyCon FR 2 cover

Doc Weir Award: no award

BSFA Awards:

Art: Jim Burns - Worldcon program book

Media: Star Cops

Short Fiction: Love Sickness - Geoff Ryman

(3 recounts and only 1 vote in it)

Novel: Grainne - Keith Roberts

Arthur C. Clarke: George Turner - The Sea and Summer

EASTER CON SELECTION RESULTS

Eastcon	-	210
Contravention	-	112 (-ish)
DNA con	-	2
Hold over	-	11
Abstain	-	12

EasterCon '90 is EASTCON '90 and will be held in Birmingham

GoH: Ian M. Banks FGoH: Anne Page Artist: SMS

Answer to Sundays Tip of the Iceberg Puzzle: square "2n" (3rd row down, end one
on right). Push button sequence is: 2n-2w-1s-1e-2s-2w-1n-1e-1s-2e-2n-3w-1n-
2e-2s-last (and you've got FollyCon's vast profits out of their safe!)

DRIP OF THE ICEBERG!

The final ~~dribble~~ dribble. Produced on the Sunday evening (just before the bidding session).

This is being produced on all-manual equipment (and a diet of porter - while it lasts) Art discredit Anyone expecting art is out of their tiny, Never again will I run stencils patched by anybody else.

Apologies for the shoddy quality of Saturday's Tip, this was due to my going out for a meal, and allowing the rest of the editorial staff to print the rag. Now I know why the unions insist on so much demarcation in professional printing and preufredding.

Further apologies for the shortage of real Beer, the rumour that the "Tip of the Iceberg" runs on beer is, unfortunately, true. We reckon on 2 barrels per issue, which may explain the slurred text. The black stains on the ceiling of room 155 are due to the overinking on Saturday, when we reran that famous film "The Black Slime". The use of Burning stencils as a suppository (practised on the Editor) did not solve the problem, although Rob Meades is reported to be walking properly again.

Zoe and Nina did much (most) of the typing, but editing and preffreding took forever for reasons known only to users of Locoscript (Victims of locoscript, Plumb Loco Script ?) dQUE?

Why run an eastercon? The committee confess:

STEVE LINTON: Leaving the country.

TIBS: I joined to make sure Joan didn't take too much on; unfortunately, she doesn't make sure I didn't take too much on.

JOAN PATERSON: Sorry?

PAT BROWN: Funny you should ask that.... I don't know, I did it all in a fit of madness.

DAVE BROWN: Am I? Oh yes, Gytha asked us to help with a 200 people Fantasycon, and I haven't had the nerve to back out since.

COLIN FINE: Can't parse the question. Some years ago, when I was much younger and much stupider I said "Yes" once too often.

MIKE S.: It's a very vague question. I consider it an exercise in applied -- sorry, misapplied --- insanity.

CYTHA NORTH: Roger Robinson told me to.

RICHARD THE RAMPANT: I get to play with lots of electronics and watch lots of mindless violent movies. And the kudos.

KAREN NAYLOR: Because you asked me to. (Your reporter wishes to deny this, and to remain anonymous just in case.)

ALISON SCOTT: I'm having a good time. This is my fandom, and I think you should give something back to fandom, and I'd rather do it from the top than without any control. Plus, I'm basically a megalomaniac.

MICHAEL ABBOT: Trying to work out who our Chairman is, and eating my own fingers with worry! Actually, when Mike and Alison said to me "We're thinking of bidding for the 1988 Eastercon" I thought that they meant Mike and Alison, when in fact they meant Mike and Alison and me.

Congratulations to EASTCON 1990. Mr Andrews, you owe me some beer. (and you know why.....)

Someone in the Editorial Office has just said "Any comments?" and been answered "Put it under 'TOERAG'."..... The mind boggles.



Drop of the Decade

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A Concussed Albatross Production

Hello, this is the 'Ton update to the daily news-sheets available at Follycon. Here we have the latest gossip, the silliest sayings and much, much more!!!

Room Parties: Well, you are too late for any of them now, but by far the easiest one to get into was the Union of Soviet Socialist Gophers.

Rhetorical Pursuit: For those of you who have never heard of this game, it is a variation on Trivial Pursuit, except that the questions need no answers. Bob Shaw came up with two very good RP questions. How can you digest tripe? and How did the X-mas flowering cactus change from Julian to Gregorian? Rhetorical Pursuit was invented by James O'Shea, and he should be credited if you wish to continue in this vein.

Quotes:

"It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a gopher on a frisbee" - staff party on the final night.

"Martin, I need something to drink. I'm only as pissed as I am returning to work after lunch. I've only had a half bottle of scotch. Martin I need a drink!" - Attributed to Katie Hoare sometime during the con.

"Well, this is the end of the convention." Alison Scott, 3:30 a.m. Friday night/Saturday morning, to a group of inebriates outside of the fan bar.

"Excuse me, I'm afraid that I don't know who you are." Chris O'Shea II to John Brunner during the staff party.

Best attack of the convention: A certain lupine personage is known for starting conversations with the bombshell that he was/is planning on getting a sex change so that he can have a lesbian relationship with his girlfriend. A certain magical-type personage (sic) is reputed to have asked him if it were true that this lupine person was going to have a species change as his girlfriend wanted to make love to a human!

Worst Mis-step: The combination of a wooden floor and a pair of stilts nearly ended in a major accident (instead of a couple of minor ones). A) a first aid box is MANDATORY at conventions. B) There must be someone in charge of safety during events such as the masquerade, if for no other reason than there is likely to be live weapons (swords etc.) brandished about.

Finally: This convention marked a milestone in British Filk. The quality and quantity far exceed any convention of the last 5 years. Now if we can only improve the quality of programming, art show and costuming to the same extent, then we will have conventions that will be the best in the world (though I would say that the best British cons are already the best in the world!).

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